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Congressman Dent presents \$440,000 to Emmaus for upgrades to railroad crossings

EMMAUS — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent recently presented a check for federal funding to enhance safety at railroad crossings in Emmaus. Congressman Dent presented \$440,000 from the 2005 Highway Bill to Emmaus Mayor Winfield Iobst, Councilwoman Lee Ann Gilbert and Borough Manager Bruce Fosselman at Borough Hall.

The funding will pay for upgrades to the electronic signaling at two Norfolk Southern Railroad crossings in Emmaus, at Sixth Street and Seventh Street. The signals will now be more appropriately timed to prevent traffic backup onto the borough's main thoroughfares and make it less likely that impatient drivers "jump" the gates into the path of oncoming trains.

"More than 40 trains a day come through Emmaus, and it's imperative we enhance safety at these railroad crossings," Congressman Dent said. "This project is appropriate as part of the Highway Bill because it improves safety on our roadways."

The funding is part of a total \$56 million Congressman Dent secured for the 15th District in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed by the President in August.

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